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In re Application of: Amir M. Saffarian

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Jamara A. Franklin

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AUTOMATED SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR CHECK AMOUNT ENCODING AT A POINT-OF-SALE

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

## RESPONSE PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

In response to the Office Action dated September 27, 2002, Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to reconsider the claims in view of the following remarks as set forth below.